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 POLYMERIC WAXES

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Response

This amendment is filed in response to the office action dated August 12, 2002.
 Applicants are filing concurrently herewith a Petition for a one-month extension of time.
 With the extension of time, it is respectfully submitted that this response is timely filed.
 Applicants respectfully request that the application be amended as below.

In the claims:

Please cancel claims 1-31, 49-56 and 58 without prejudice to the presentation of
 same in a continuing application.

Remarks

The claims of the application were made subject to a restriction as set forth in the
 office action. Applicants hereby elect, without traverse, to prosecute Group VI, claims
 32-48 and 57, drawn to medical compositions. Applicants have canceled claims 1-31,